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## CARRANZA'S REPLY AWAITED.

### DELEGATES STUDY MINOR POINTS WHILE AWAITING STATEMENT.

No Sessions Were Held During Day, as no Intimation of Constitutional Chief's Action Had Been Received—Answer Anxiously Expected

Niagara Falls, June 5.—Still without any intimation of what Gen. Carranza's answer will be on the question of constitutional representation here, the South American mediators and the American and Mexican delegates spent their time today working out details of the general peace plan. There were no conferences.

The American delegates remained on the American side studying various phases of the situation. They are familiarizing themselves with data Washington is sending about individuals mentioned for the new provisional government.

All principals were anxious to hear some definite word about the constitutionalists, for there can be no definite developments until their intentions are known.

## NO ANSWER IN SEVERAL DAYS.

### Before Reaching Saltillo Carranza Will Hold Conference With Military Chief.

El Paso, June 5.—It probably will be several days before Gen. Carranza will arrive at Saltillo and issue his answer to proposals of the mediation conference at Niagara Falls. His agents announced here today that Gen. Villa would go to Chihuahua City tomorrow to confer with Carranza at Torreon.

The bureau of information at Juarez issued a news bulletin saying Gen. Pablo Gonzales, commander of the eastern military zone, was on his way to Saltillo to meet Carranza.

Carranza and Villa are expected to confer at Torreon about the relative positions of Villa, commanding the northern military zone, and Gen. Natera, recently appointed by Carranza as head of a newly formed central zone through which Villa was expected to move on his march toward the capital. The new zone places Natera in command of the campaigns against San Luis Potosi and Zacatecas.

Constitutionalist agents here intimate that the appointment of Natera had occasioned no friction and that the campaign in the South will be continued with complete cooperation of all the leaders.

## VILLA IS SATISFIED.

### Content to Let Carranza Conduct Revolution.

Chihuahua, June 5.—"The creation of the central division of the constitutionalist army and the placing of its command in the hands of Gen. Panfilo Natera are matters entirely within the province of Gen. Carranza, commander in chief of the constitutionalist army," said Gen. Villa today when asked whether he wished to comment on the turn in military affairs in northern Mexico.

"I have always been ready to serve and have always served my country as best I could and will continue to guide my actions by what I consider to be in the best interests of Mexico and its people," continued Gen. Villa. "I am ready to make any sacrifice for my country provided always that such sacrifices will aid the greater cause for which I have been fighting."

## VILLA AND HUERTA IN COMMUNICATION.

### Rebel Chief Said to Be Loading Dictator With Vituperation Through Tapped Wire.

Vera Cruz, June 5.—President Huerta is in daily communication with Gen. Francisco Villa, according to a report brought here by a refugee, but the character of their communication is somewhat unconventional.

Gen. Villa, according to the report recently sent one of his telegraphers within the federal lines. He tapped a wire and sent to Huerta a message in which Villa called his enemy various unpleasant names and urged him not to hasten his departure from the capital as Villa was anxious to see him before he left. Villa requested Huerta to wait, declaring that he soon would be in the capital.

President Huerta, according to the report, appreciating the grim humor of the situation, gave orders that any similar message should not be withheld, but delivered to him immediately. Since this order was issued Villa, according to the refugee, has

## WILSON WANTS QUICK PEACE.

### HOPES THAT CIVILIZATION WILL PREVAIL IN MEXICO.

Before Audience of Annapolis Cadets Makes Strong Address—Army and Navy are Arms of Civilization, not Instrument of Aggression, Says President.

Annapolis, Md., June 5.—"I pray God it may not be necessary for our boys at Vera Cruz to use any more force," declared President Wilson today in an address to graduates of the naval academy. He spoke before a gathering of more than 5,000 people made up largely of present and future officers of the navy.

The president referred to the American army and navy as "the instruments of civilization, not as the instruments of aggression."

"Other nations have been strong," he said, "other nations have piled wealth as high as the sky, but they have come to disgrace because they used their force and their wealth for the oppression of mankind and their own aggrandizement; and America will not bring glory to herself, but disgrace, by following the beaten paths of history. We must strike out on new paths."

President Wilson said in part:

"It ought to be one of your thoughts all the time that you are simple Americans, not merely sample men, nor merely samples; and that you have the point of view of America with regard to her navy and her army that she is using them as the instruments of civilization. The idea of America is to serve humanity and every time you let the Stars and Stripes free to the wind you ought to realize that that is in itself a message, that you are on an errand which other navies have sometimes forgotten, not an errand of conquest but an errand of service."

"What do you think is the lasting impression that those boys down at Vera Cruz are going to leave? They have had to use some force—I pray God it may not be necessary for them to use any more—but do you think that the way they fought is going to be the most lasting impression? Is there anything new in using force? The new things in the world are the things that are divorced from force. The things that show the moral compulsions of the human conscience, those are the things by which we have been building up civilization, not by force, and the lasting impression that those boys are to leave will be that they exercised self-control."

"You must bear in mind that you are the champions of what is right and fair all around, no matter where you are, and that it is for what is right and fair for public welfare that you are ready to fight and not merely on the drop of a hat or upon some slight punctilio."

The president praised Admiral Fletcher, saying he had been on duty longer at Vera Cruz than the other commanders and that he had the qualities of a statesman.

After the ceremony the president watched the graduates go to their quarters and the former "plebes" run to take possession of "lovers' lane."

## BAIL FOR TIDWELL.

### Arguments Made for and Against Granting Bail for Slayer of Emmett Walker.

Columbia, June 8.—Application for bail for George W. Tidwell, of Greenville, who was convicted of slaying R. Emmett Walker and sentenced to 12 years imprisonment, was argued before the Supreme Court this morning by Senator Wilton Earle, of counsel for Tidwell, Solicitor Proctor A. Bonham, representing the State, opposed the motion. The court announced they would take the application for bail under consideration. The wide publicity given the case of Tidwell at the trial attracted interest in the application for bail.

## POWER PLANT WRECKED.

### One Man Killed and Two Seriously Injured at Meridian.

Meridian, Miss., June 8.—A boiler explosion at the Meridian Light and Railway plant this morning fatally injured one, and two others seriously. The plant was badly wrecked, causing a loss of \$50,000. The power will be off for two days.

not disappointed Huerta one day. Though the wording of his messages are always different, each message is said to be more vituperative than the other.

## TAMPICO OPEN PORT.

### UNITED STATES WILL USE FORCE TO PREVENT BLOCKADE.

Naval Authorities Will Brock No Interference with American Ships Carrying War Munitions for Constitutionalists at Tampico.

Vera Cruz, June 6.—United States naval authorities in Mexican waters will brook no interference with the Ward liner Antilla which is enroute from New York with three million rounds of ammunition and an aeroplane consigned to the constitutionalists at Tampico. Neither will they allow the Mexican federals to prevent the landing of any other shipment of munitions, consigned to the port of Tampico. This was made plain today.

Force will be used to keep Tampico an open port, if necessary. The Mexican gunboats which have been ordered by Huerta to blockade Tampico remained at Puerto and are making no move to obey the order. The destroyer Jouett is watching them closely.

Admiral Winslow has been ordered to sail to Tampico immediately to see that the open door is maintained.

## HUERTA BACKS DOWN.

### Dictator Said to Have Rescinded Blockade Orders.

Washington, June 8.—An unconfirmed report is current in administration circles today that Gen. Huerta has rescinded his order for blockading Tampico.

Flash Washington—Huerta backs down on blockade Tampico.

Washington, June 8.—Gen. Huerta has rescinded his order for the blockade of the port of Tampico. Formal announcement of the annulment of the order was given to Secretary of State Bryan today by the Spanish ambassador. This action removed a grave menace to the mediation proceedings and brought an air of relief to Washington administration circles.

## ANTILLA WILL DELIVER ARMS.

Tampico, June 8.—The Mexican gunboats Bravo and Zaragoza arrived off the coast this morning, followed by the American warships Tacoma and Sacramento. The two latter will convey the Cuban steamer Antilla into the harbor.

## CAR HITS TREE.

### L. K. Rawls and Tally Shealey Are Seriously Injured in Accident at Langley.

Aiken, June 6.—In an automobile accident at Langley last night L. K. Rawls of Batesburg, who recently engaged in business in Aiken, and Tally Shealey were seriously injured. Earle Shealey sustained slight injuries and another occupant of the car was badly shaken up.

The automobile, a light touring car, skidded on the slippery road while going about 25 miles an hour and crashed into a tree. The front part of the car was demolished, two of the occupants were hurled through the windshield and severely cut by broken glass.

Mr. Rawls and Talley Shealey were picked up unconscious and brought to Aiken. Mr. Rawls came dangerously near losing an eye and, besides other bruises of the face, was hurt in the leg. He may have sustained internal injuries and will be sent to a hospital in Columbia. Mr. Rawls was rescued badly hurt from under the machine which slid into a ditch.

## FAIR AND HOT DAYS.

### Weather Bureau Makes Prediction for Week.

Washington, June 7.—Generally fair and hot weather is forecast for the coming week east of the Rocky mountains.

"There are no present indications of precipitation of consequence," said the weather bureau's bulletin tonight, "except that there will be showers and thunderstorms at the outset from the lake region eastward and possibly in the far Northwest. Occasional local thunder showers are probable in the South, including Texas, but no general rains."

"It will be somewhat cooler Monday and Tuesday over the upper lake region, the upper Mississippi valley and the central portion of the country, with moderate temperatures thereafter, while in the East rather high temperatures will rule during much of the week, owing to the presence of a strong high pressure area over the South Atlantic States and the adjacent ocean."

## MAY ABANDON MEDIATION.

### SOUTH AMERICAN DIPLOMATS SAID TO BE DISCOURAGED.

Prospect of Establishing Peace in Mexico Becoming Less as the Result of Recently Developed Complications—Enemies of Administration Try to Place all Blame on Bryan and Wilson.

Washington, June 6.—That the South American diplomats will soon give up their efforts to establish peace in Mexico and leave Niagara Falls is the prediction freely made in official circles today.

Reports from the mediation conference and from Tampico are considered discouraging, but the most ominous feature is that the administration is said to have made the United States liable to a charge of bad faith toward the mediators by permitting the landing of arms at Tampico by the tramp steamship Sunshine in the face of assurances by Secretary of State Bryan that orders had been issued to customs collectors of the United States to refuse clearances to American ships carrying arms to Mexican ports. Despite the fact that the legal officers of the commerce department advised Secretary Bryan that refusal of clearance to such ships in advance of an embargo is illegal the Secretary insists that no ships carrying arms or ammunition to Mexican ports be given proper papers.

Another complication is Gen. Huerta's reported intention to blockade Tampico. Diplomats believe that grave complications will result from the attempt to prevent such blockade.

## NEWS FROM REMBERT.

### Miss Atkinson Gives Musical—School Closing—Personal Items.

Rembert, June 8.—Miss May McLaughlin of St. Matthews, who is on an extended visit to her aunt, Mrs. T. M. Crosswell, is spending a few days with relatives in our community.

Miss Courtenay Atkinson gave a musical entertainment at her home on Friday night, June 5. Mrs. G. H. Lenoir and Eugene James with the violin, Leland Myers with the guitar and Mrs. R. M. James at the piano. The bare mention of the name of Mrs. James is assurance of the excellence of the music, as all who are acquainted with her will know. Her wide circle of friends will be pleased to hear that she has entirely recovered from the severe illness of awhile ago.

Mr. J. L. Jackson is up and about. It was the writer's privilege to receive invitation to the commencement of Clemson College through the kind thoughtfulness of Bush Jackson who graduates this year.

Mrs. J. L. Jackson has gone to attend the commencement exercises of Clemson College and to see her youngest boy receive his diploma. A proud mother.

Miss Viola Spencer is at home again from Winthrop.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Spencer were in your city Friday, June 5. Mrs. Spencer is contemplating a trip to Glenn Springs.

All small grain has been cut and people are pleased with the crop, notwithstanding the drought.

Miss Rosa Weisinger closes her school today, June 4th, with a picnic at Dinkins' Mill.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Bethesda church meets today with Mrs. M. A. Young at the home of her brother, S. W. Allen.

Showers are falling around and cotton continues to look well.

The health of the community never seemed better.

## FISHING FLEET DESTROYED.

### A Terrible Disaster Off New Brunswick Coast.

St. Johns, New Brunswick, June 8.—Over thirty fishing vessels have been sunk or are missing off St. Johns as the result of a terrible storm that has been raging for more than twenty-four hours. It is feared a hundred men lost their lives. A dozen bodies have already been washed up on the coast and masses of wreckage are floating in. The storm is the worst in twenty years.

## WAR IN ALBANIA.

### Carnival of Bloodshed Renewed in Balkan Peninsula.

Durazzo, June 8.—A heavy force of Albanian rebels, preparing to attack this city, has been discovered by government troops near Tyrana. A fierce battle is raging there today.

## WILL BLOCKADE TAMPICO.

### HUERTA'S ACTION IN SENDING WARSHIPS TO STOP ANTILLA CAUSES CRISIS.

Outcome of Situation Awaited with Keenest Interest—May Mean End of Mediation Conference—Badger's Orders Are to Keep Port Open for Commerce and Clash May Come Between Ships—Cruisers Follow Mexican Ships.

Washington, June 7.—Another crisis in the Mexican difficulty faced by the Washington government tonight, a situation fraught with perils for mediation and with possibilities that might precipitate actual warfare between the United States and Mexico.

Gen. Huerta has brought about the new crisis by ordering his gunboats to blockade the port of Tampico and to seize a cargo of ammunition enroute there for the Mexican constitutionalists. The shipment is aboard the steamer Antilla from New York, flying the Cuban flag. The Antilla is due at Tampico Wednesday.

Huerta has notified the powers of his intention to blockade the port and that he proposes to seize the cargo consigned to the belligerents against his sovereignty as contraband of war.

The purpose of the United States to suppress the attempt to blockade and prevent interference with the Antilla was indicated tonight when Secretary Daniels issued an official statement announcing that while no new orders had been given Rear Admiral Badger, there had been no change in the policy of the government in reference to its desire that the port of Tampico shall be open to all commerce.

The statement follows:

"The navy department has issued no new orders to Admiral Badger since the Mexican gunboats were reported to be leaving Puerto Mexico. The department has at no time contemplated furnishing a convoy to the Antilla, or any other ship, nor have any orders to that effect been issued. No word whatever has been received as to whether or not the warships of other nations have been notified of the blockade at Tampico or what their attitude will be towards such a blockade. There has been no change in the policy of the government in reference to its desire that the port of Tampico shall be open to all commerce."

As to whether "all commerce" in this instance includes contraband of war, no official of the government will discuss.

So far as known the only orders relating to Tampico that have been issued went to Admiral Badger on May 18 in a message informing him that, while it was not believed the Huerta gunboats would return to Tampico, it was deemed advisable that the commanders of American naval vessels understand that the government desired that there be no interference with commerce at that port.

That an attempt to carry out the blockade decree will be made was verified today by Admiral Badger in a report to the navy department from Vera Cruz, announcing that the Mexican gunboats Zaragoza and Bravo, which left Puerto Mexico last night, had passed Vera Cruz and were steaming towards Tampico. The American cruiser Tacoma and gunboat Sacramento are following the Huerta ships.

The message from Admiral Badger received by the navy department today read as follows:

"10 a. m., Sunday, June 7. Position of Mexican gunboats Bravo and Zaragoza at 9 a. m., latitude 19-13, longitude 96-3, headed for Tampico, making about nine knots. Should arrive off Panuco river about 5 a. m. tomorrow. Tacoma and Sacramento following in observation."

(Signed) "Badger."

When this report reached Washington it immediately was communicated to President Wilson, Secretary Daniels and Secretary Bryan. Secretary Daniels hastened from church to his office, but denied himself to interviewers. Throughout the day he would make no statement. Neither would Secretary Bryan, nor was there any official information obtainable from the White House.

The president conferred over the telephone with cabinet officials and American delegates to the Niagara Falls mediation conference. These were believed to have a bearing on the impending situation at Tampico.

Three possibilities were discussed in official quarters tonight as likely to arise in view of the problem that Gen. Huerta's decisive action has presented. Should the order to Admiral Badger be construed as to include

## UNITED STATES GAINS POINTS

### THREE VICTORIES GAINED IN MEDIATION CONFERENCE.

Huerta Willing to Resign, Remains in Negotiations Despite Ignoring of His Demands—Backs Down from Blockade—Efforts to Bring Carranza into Agreement.

Niagara Falls, June 8.—Three important victories have been won by the United States as the mediation conference proceeds. Huerta has withdrawn his refusal to a pledge to quit the presidency; Huerta has remained a party to negotiations, despite the ignoring of his demand that a bipartisan government be chosen to succeed him; Huerta has backed down from the Tampico blockade.

Americans are now working to persuade Carranza to agree to an armistice. His offer to the mediators will be delivered today. It is hoped the United States will win this point also.

## Kill Each Other in Feud Fight.

Poplarville, Miss., June 6.—In a feud fight Boyd Lee cut Boyd Landers' throat last night, the latter dying after he had shot and killed Lee. Both are cattlemen.

delivery of contraband of war, Admiral Mayo at Tampico would be compelled to open fire on Huerta's gunboats, if necessary to prevent interference with the Antilla. If this were considered an overt act of war and a violation of the agreement to cease hostilities it probably automatically would end the peace conference at Niagara Falls. In the opinion of many in close touch with the Washington administration this would mean the beginning of actual hostilities against the Huerta government and signal the advance of an American army from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City.

Another possibility, however, suggested in official quarters is that this government may bring influence to bear on the owners of the steamer Antilla to change her course and make no attempt to deliver her cargo at Tampico pending the outcome of mediation negotiations, and efforts to induce Gen. Carranza to participate in the peace conference. Should the Antilla change her course or return to an American port, danger of an immediate clash would be averted.

Agents of Gen. Carranza in Washington tonight said they had no official word relating to the proposed determination of Huerta to blockade Tampico nor any communication from Gen. Carranza. As to Gen. Carranza's expected answer to the proposal from the South American mediators the constitutionalist chief's advisers said it might not be forwarded before Tuesday, inasmuch as the general did not leave Parras for Saltillo until tonight.

A third possibility discussed here is that Admiral Badger's ships would not interfere with Gen. Huerta's purpose to blockade the port of Tampico against importation of ammunition but that they would insist on keeping the port open to ordinary commerce. This might avert serious consequences.

So far as could be learned no orders were sent to Admiral Badger to send any war vessels to Tampico except the two following Huerta's ships. The only American ships now at Tampico are the battleship Minnesota, outside the Panuco river, and the monitor Ozark in the river, which temporarily serves as Rear Admiral Mayo's flagship. These vessels, however, would be more than adequate to cope with any situation that might arise.

While the navy department made no affirmative announcements there were no negative pronouncements and naval officers were busily engaged throughout the day. Rear Admiral Fiske in charge of operations was at his desk most of the day, and several times was in telephonic communication with Secretary Daniels. Rear Admiral Howard reported from the Mexican west coast that Theodore W. Jones, an American who had been imprisoned at Tepic had left for San Francisco. Authorities at Mazatlan, he reported, had given noncombatants permission to leave Mazatlan for constitutionalist lines if they desired.

Rear Admiral Badger cabled the navy department tonight that Rear Admiral Mayo had shifted his flag to the battleship Minnesota, outside the Panuco river at Tampico. It was assumed the admiral desired to be on hand for the arrival of the Huerta gunboats tomorrow to blockade the port. The cruiser San Francisco has left for Tampico and the Arethusa for Charleston.